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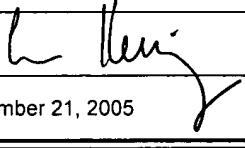
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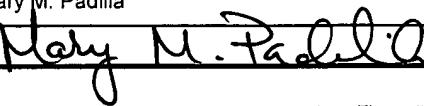
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Dear Examiner Cameron:

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Applicants elect Group I, species b) in paragraph 5, claims 59-63 without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to filing a divisional application.

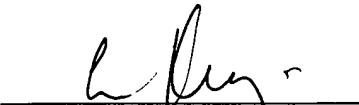
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